

Dear FCC: I am strongly opposed to the "broadcast mark" proposal which suggests that consumer electronics hardware should be required to contain DRM circuitry by federal law. Hardware flexibility, or freedom of hardware, is a fundamental requirement of all progress in computing technology. Had DRM been implemented during the 80s, the Internet would have been impossible. Mandating hardware controls to protect the fading monopoly of a private faction of now-outmoded middlemen is an inappropriate, harmful, graceless, awkward, and ad-hoc attempt at addressing the issues raised by the Internet age. The proposed regulations do not serve the citizens of this country; they are an attempted takeover by private special interests.